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PROPAGATION: May 19-21, Above Normal; May 22, 23, Disturbed; May 24, High/Low Normal; May 25, Low Normal; May 26, 27, High Normal; May 28, High/Low Normal; May 29, High Normal. TNX N4XX.

Flux (81)	Flux (82)	Flux (83)	Date	Flux (84)	Alpha (84)	K (84)
212	128	140	5/10	127	14	4
222	130	165	5/11	148	24	2
219	130	159	5/12	142	12	2
217	127	151	5/13	147	12	4
228	129	153	5/14	148	10	3
214	129	143	5/15	144	13	3
214	136	133	5/16	137	15	2

CAMBODIA: Bandpass reports the past two weeks indicate XU1SS is on again, Sunday mornings with VS6CT on 14.336. They have been working into the North American Midwest and East Coast, but are very weak.

CHINA: RSGB DX News Sheet reports that BY4AA (Shanghai) has been in the "Round Table DX Net," 14.175 at 1900Z, peaking S9 in Europe. They like Fridays and Saturdays.

SPRATLY: Rumors are that the 1S2CK operation by DU1CK and others has been cancelled, or at least postponed, until this coming Oct or Nov. In a way that's good, as paopagation is likely to be better then...when 1S1CK was on in May '83, they were workable only on 20 from here, and were extremely weak.

PITCAIRN: TDXB has confirmed that Betty Reich, WD9GQV, left the Chicago area May 1, headed for Pitcairn. She is the only radio amateur in a group which left California on a 118-ft sailing yacht. There will be stops at the Galapagos and Easter Island, but Betty was unable to get licenses for those two islands before she left. She will sign VR6BR from the home of VR6KY Jun 4 to about Jun 18. QSL to WD9GQV.

CAROLINES: Jim and Kirsti Smith, VK9NS/NL, rumored planning a visit to both West and East Carolines later this summer or in early Fall.

SAN FELIX: latest word on this rumor of a June operation from CEØX is that both Chileans and Americans are involved, but as of May 20 they had neither landing nor operating permission.

DXCC NEWS

HONOR ROLL listings appear in June QST; remember that henceforth the Honor Roll will appear only once a year, in June, with deadline for submission of QSLs to Newington coming every March.

The 1984 Mixed Honor Roll contains almost 1340 callsigns! Here are some astounding comparisons: just one sunspot cycle ago, in September, 1973, there were 472 Mixed Honor Roll listings. In October, 1979, just after we began writing TDXB, the Mixed listings had increased to only 540.

In the very beginning of DXCC, only one or two operators occupied the "top spot" on the Honor Roll; they had not nearly worked all possible DXCC countries, they just had more than anybody else. After all these years, the top spot is now reserved for those who have worked them all. In 9/73, 42 DXers were on top with 320 current countries. By 10/79 top spot listings had increased to 70, and the current countries total was 319. Since then, Bajo Nuevo, Okino Torishima, Serrana Bank, and the Kamaran Islands have been deleted. The number of DXers listed in the newest Honor Roll having all 315 countries is... are you ready?...262!

The above leads us to moves afoot to create some new DXCC counters. The DX Advisory Committee will be voting again on the Pribilof Islands sometime this year. Voting is currently underway on two possible "new" ones: 4U1VIC at the Vienna International Center, and on Baker and Howland Islands. Last year, a treaty was signed giving American Phoenix (Canton Island) to the new nation of Kiribati. As a result, the DXAC is considering deleting the DXCC listing for "Baker, Howland, and American Phoenix," and then adding a "new" one: "Baker and Howland."

The "new country" would not be officially added to the DXCC list until an operation took place (Peter I island is currently in the same sort of limbo). The Northern California DX Foundation, which is pushing for the DXCC change, is known to be intending to be the first group to operate from the "new one."

Next week you will receive your TDXB Countries Needed Survey Sheet and we will make our annual fearless predictions of the outcome of the 1984 Survey! Six of 1983's Top Twenty were active in the past year.

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TAIWAN BVØAA EXPEDITION

by Gerben A. Menting, PAØGAM

NOTE: PAØGAM is HF editor of DXPress, Holland's weekly newsletter. We are grateful for his generosity in sharing this story with TDXB.

DUE TO personal problems, Lars, SMØGMG, could not join the BVØAA expedition, so only Martti, OH2BH, and I were left. I arrived on Monday, April 16, while Martti first travelled to the USA and Japan. Tim Chen, BV2A/B, and two members of the Chinese Radio Association (CRA) picked me up from the airport and helped me with Customs. Tim arranged all the formalities with Customs in advance, and therefore I spent only two hours at the airport.

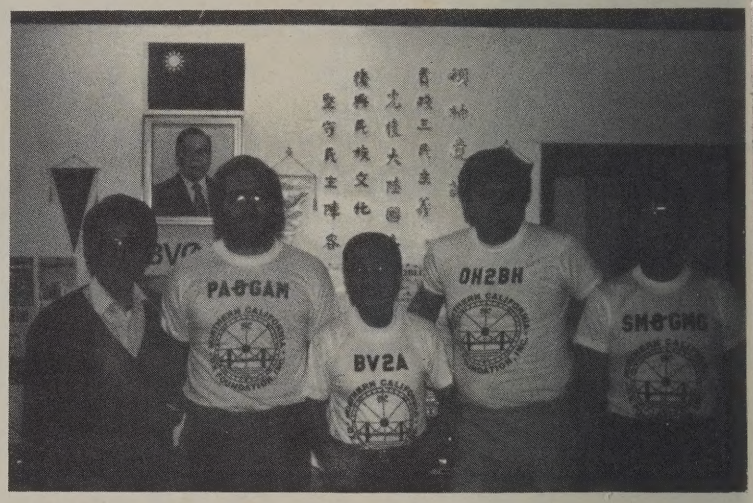
Tim also arranged an apartment on top of a 12-story building for us; it was the same as used by the Italians last year (see TDXB Oct, 1983 -ed). In the living room of the apartment were two desks, decorated with out national flags. CRA member Steven Liu became our station manager and helped us in putting up the antennas, buying food, and was our guide in Taipei. He also served as translator.

After my arrival at the station, I put up a 18AVT (10-80 M vertical) by moonlight and at 1420Z I made the first QSO. The operation started with good propagation to Europe. The next morning Tim told me that 40 Meters would be allowed but only on 7001 KHz. Many JAs were, of course, worked on 40 Meters, but also a lot of W6s. VKs and ZLs, as well as other Ws were worked on 40, but Europe was a problem. A pirate has used the BVØAA callsign on 7001 KHz and there was a lot of QRM there, too.

On Wednesday, April 18, Martti, OH2BH, arrived from Tokyo with the newest Yaesu equipment with him...two FT757GX transceivers and the FL2100Z. Further, he had a TH2MK3 beam and rotator. At the end of the day we had the beam operational, together with a second station It was clear that the beam, at approximately 40 Meters high, worked very well. We used the FT757GX and the FL2100Z mostly with the beam for SSB, and the IC740 and GLA1000B with the 18AVT for CW.

During our week there, we had difficulties working the east coast of the USA but during the weekend conditions to that part of the world improved. During his stay in Tokyo, Martti asked Michio, JA1MIN, to join us. He agreed, but we were not sure if he would get permission to operate BVØAA. Michio arrived Friday, April 20. Tim Chen had arranged a dinner party for us with the people of the PTT, and many others sho have to give their permission for operation. Michio got his operating permission at that time The operation ended April 23 at 0240Z, with 12,500 QSOs.

We had a meeting with the officer of the PTT, who gave the permission for our operation, and we we were also interviewed by the biggest newspaper in Taiwan and by the local radio station. Two significant "firsts" for this operation were permission for 40 Meters and a "BV" callsign for non-nationals. From now on, BVØ callsigns will be used for special occations, so the next visitor will probably sign BVØAB. Only requests from "groups" will be considered. U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater (K7UGA) just visited Taiwan, and was asked if a group of American amateurs would like to come to Taiwan for an operation in October of 1984.



(l-r): Steven Liu, Gerben Menting, PAØGAM, Tim Chen, BV2A/B, Martti Laine, OH2BH, and Michio Ogawa, JA1MIN (wearing the SMØGMG T-shirt).

Taiwan's only licensed amateur is Tim Chen, who started in 1939 as XU6A and later was C3YW in 1946. He began his BV2A operations in 1959, and also got BV2B, for 20 Meters SSB only, in 1974. In 1983, BV2A was moved to Kaohsiung (southern part of Taiwan), and Tim signs BV2A/Ø from there. BV2B is still located in Taipei. Two years before BV2A came on the air, in 1957, the Chinese Radio Association was founded. The CRA has about 4000 members, most of whom are in the professional branch. Incidentally, BV2A/Ø is active currently only on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

As a result of our operation, a third station is expected to come on the air very soon, perhaps this month, signing BV2C. The operator will be one of the CRA members, and the station will be located at the building from which BVØAA operated. For BV2C, we left the FT757GX and FL2100Z, plus the beam (which was donated by the Northern California DX Foundation). Visiting groups will be able to operate from this station.

BANDPASS: Call/Frequency/UTC (plus West, Mountain, Central, East report)/Date

A4XKD 21035 21E 9
AP2ZR 3799 00E 2
A71AD 14205 03C 8
CE3DNP 7008 02E 12
CEØERY 14194 02C 8
CT2EV 14018 18E 6
KE6PU/
DU1 14187 12C 9
D44BS 14175 20C 11
EA6BH 14213 21C 11
EA8BF 21030 17E 12
F5RV/TK 14197 21C 11
(Corsica)
FG7AS 14013 02C 10
FH8CR 14208 03E 1
FK8CE 14011 06W 7
FK8CE 14021 07W 8
FK8CE 14015 04C 13
FM7BQ 14009 21E 6
FO8JN 14195 11C 4
FO8KW 14190 04E 6
FO8GW 14220 11C 10
FO8LG 7011 06W 11
FO8KP 14002 01E 14
FO8KP 14015 08C 14
FPØVV 14027 13E 6
FP8HL 7010 11C 11
FP8HL 7002 01E 14
FR7BP 14025 12C 8
FR7ZB 14214 11C 11
FY7CG 14016 22E 6
HI3JRW 14008 02E 10
HKØHEU 21295 18C 5
HL9XX 14026 13M 1
HLØDX 14207 11E 5
HL4XM 14028 12E 6
HL1NK 7007 12W 7
HL1CX 14031 14M 7
HL1CX 14010 12C 14
HL9TX 14034 12C 15
JTØDJT 14013 00E 10
JY9MB 14235 03E 5
J28DX 14188 03W 4
J28DM 21018 22E 9
KG6RN 21368 01W 12
WH2ACV 21290 22C 5
KC6HA 14226 15W 5
KC6HA 14226 16W 12
KHØAC 21371 01W 5
KHØAC 14208 11E 5
KHØAC 14267 05W 12
KHØAC 14199 11C 14
KX6DS 21024 23W 5
KX6DS 7004 10C 11
KX6DS 14020 00E 12
PZ1DV 7003 09E 16
P29MO 14176 11C 4
P29LB 14176 11C 4
P29BR 14030 07W 5
P29SS 14019 06W 7
P29KY 7005 13M 10
P29BR 14027 12C 14
P29FG 14194 12C 16
DF4RD/
SV9 14031 22E 8
KAØCYR/
SV9 14028 23E 13
TA1MN 14018 23E 11
TA1MN 14035 02E 14
TF3SC 14007 22E 6
TI2PZ 7002 03E 12
TN8EE 14236 03E 1
TZ6CY 14235 04W 3
TZ6CY 14235 11E 3
T2ADE 14280 04W 30
T3ØDB 21290 21C 5
T3ØAT 14035 06W 7
T3ØAT 14036 06W 8
T3ØAC 7003 09C 11
UC1AWC 14023 22E 7
UQ1GXX 14025 00E 8
UZ2FWZ 14011 00E 8
U2H 14022 05W 7
UW3HY/1 14026 12C 14
(Fr. Josef Land)
UD6DHC 14033 02C 10
UF6FIB 14014 22E 8
UF6FFF 14192 13C 12
UG6GDR 7016 02E 12
UL7EA 14032 01M 5
UL7CT 14025 00E 7
UL7XE 14027 15M 7
UL7IBZ 14026 21E 8
UL7EAD 14018 02E 10
UL7PBD 14022 01C 11
UL7FCM 14022 02E 12
UM9QWC 14047 00E 12
(Yes, UM9)
UH8EWW 14022 23E 8
UI8AID 14011 01C 10
UI8AID 14011 01C 11
UI8ADQ 14025 02E 12
UJ8JL 14038 14M 1
UJ8JCQ 14196 02C 10
UM8NU 14177 03C 8
UM8MU 14025 01C 11
VE8SB 14021 00E 10
VK9NS 7004 10E 10
VK9NS 14220 05C 13
VQ9AC 14033 22E 9
VS6DX 14227 13E 5
VS6DO 7003 10C 7
VS6DO 14185 11C 9
VU2AU 14181 11C 9
VU2DZ 14175 11C 9
VU2AJ 14009 02E 10
XU1SS 14335 12C 13
(with VS6CT)
YB5ASO 14027 07W 5
YBØARA 14214 13C 5
YB9VA 14221 12C 6
YB5ASO 7003 11W 7
YBØARA 7004 12M 12
YB2BNJ 14199 13C 12
YB5ASO 7003 23E 14
YJ8MC 14200 11C 4
YJ8LT 14200 11C 4
YJ8GX 14174 14C 11
YN1JCC 14025 15M 6
ZB2BL 21299 20E 5
ZF1LA 14004 22E 5
ZK2IK 28520 22C 5
ZK2IK 14184 11C 10
ZK2RS 14199 08C 14
ZL7PA 14289 04W 29
(Chatham)
ZL7OY 28520 22C 5
ZL8AFH 28520 22C 5
(Kermadec)
3B8DB 14220 03E 5
3B8CA 14171 11C 9
3D2ER 7008 11W 10
3D2FR 7005 13M 10
3D2FR 14025 06W 11
3D2FR 14025 11C 11
3D2FR 7005 12M 12
3D6AA 14175 13C 6
3D6AA 14228 12C 7
3D6AN 14208 12C 9
3D6AN 14187 12C 11
3D6AJ 14162 13C 11
4S7CF 14196 11C 9
4S7NE 7008 13M 12
4U1UN 21031 23E 11
5B4LP 14214 21C 11
7X2FK 14033 00E 12
8J1ITU 7004 11E 12
8Q7AV 14205 02C 10
8R1J 7006 01E 14
9H4B 14184 01C 10
9L1SL 14197 01W 29
9N1MM 14236 01C 10
9U5JB 21030 17E 12
9V1UC 14015 13C 12
9V1VU 14214 15W 12

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NOTES

BACK in Issue 237 we lamented that only fourteen of our Top 73 from last year's Survey are currently active. Someone suggested that of those fourteen only four are active on CW. We took another look and, by golly, that's right.

OH2BH/EA9 was for real, and ended May 9. Martti says "super nice group of hams on Cueta." Next stop for OH2BH is Monaco, for the WPX CW Contest, where Martti will be joined by 3A2EE and 3A2LF to sign 3A4E and 3A4F in the Test.

SOME VU7WCY QSLs have shown up from the first operation, last December. These came from VU2RBI, although a better bet now may be via VU2GI. APPARENTLY FB8ZZ via F8US (circa 1971) is a "lost cause," as Robert won't answer QSLs more than a year or so old. Next question is who has received an XU1SS QSL for a Nov or Dec '83 QSO? We do know that Oct contacts were QSLed promptly.

ZK1XL NORTH COOKS by K6OZL ended Apr 17 with 18,935 contacts, mostly CW. Ron says he had four 7-band QSOs, three of them with K1 stations. Ron went to Penryn Is with ZK1CY, who was there on a U.N. project and made many of the arrangements, only intended a one-month stay. When his scheduled boat didn't arrive at the end of March, he began trying to arrange a flight out, but eventually hitched a ride on a passing ship. Ron says he does not recommend Penryn as a spot to visit, saying Manihiki is nicer. And, finally, there have been problems with the QSL-via-ZK1CG arrangement. QSL via K6OZL at his Callbook address.

TWO CORRECTIONS: VK9LH is ex-VK2AGT...and Washington State is, indeed, in North America!

CALENDAR

ETHOPIA	ET3PS/PG not showing on 20 SSB; need reports. TRY with PY2PE on 14.235 @ 0400Z
MONACO	DL1BA/3A NOW to May 30; need reports
S SUDAN	TL8GE/STØ apparently gone; I 237
USSR	New callsigns...see Issue 233
SPRATLY	1S2CK apparently postponed; I 239
FR ST MARTIN	
ST MARTIN	Both by K2KTT/PJ7 and FGØIIK/FS7 to May 29
DESECHEO	June operation postponed again
CAMBODIA	XU1SS list operation Sundays, 14.335 @ 1200Z
CHINA	BY4AA only station active; I 239
LIECHTENSTEIN	DA1WA/HBØ rumored May 25-Jun 6; all bands
SAN FELIX	Rumors of a June operation; I 238, 239
SABLE	CYØSAB rumored May 25-30; 160-40 M only
CONTEST	CQ WPX CW May 26/27
MONACO	3A4E and 3A4F for CQ WPX; I 239
GUERNSEY	GU3HFN by N5RM rumored for WPX
CAYMANS	ZF2HF by KM5R and K5RX rumored for WPX
PITCAIRN	VR6BR by WD9GQV Jun 14-18; I 239
ENGLAND	"GB4-D-Day" by G4MDN Jun 5-7 (anniversary of Normandy landing)
TAIWAN	JA group operation still on second wk of June
CONTEST	RSGB Field Day Jun 2/3
CONTEST	S AMER CW, Jun 9/10
CONTEST	All Asia Phone Jun 16/17
CONTEST	ARRL FIELD DAY Jun 23/24

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